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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claims 3-9, 11-17, 19, 20, 22 and 24-28 as follows:

3. (Amended) A polymer according to claim 1 wherein R, R² and R³ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or propyl, preferably hydrogen.
4. (Amended) A polymer according to claim 1, wherein A is a carboxylic acid group.
5. (Amended) A polymer according to claim 1, wherein B comprises an amide bond.
6. (Amended) A polymer according to claim 1, wherein Q comprises a carbonyl functionality.